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WHITEHORSE WINS A SECOND ENGINEERING AWARD FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF GEOEXCHANGE POTENTIAL

The City of Whitehorse along with EBA, a local engineering firm, won a second award for their innovative work in assessing and mapping the geoexchange potential for the City.

The first award was presented to the City and EBA by the Consulting Engineers of British Columbia at their annual awards gala on March 8, 2008 in Vancouver. The second award which Dr. Scott Schillereff PhD of EBA, presented to Mayor Bev Buckway at the Council Meeting on Tuesday night is an EBA Innovation Award. The EBA Engineering award is given to EBA projects that show excellence and innovation across their company. "The City is proud to accept this award", said Mayor Buckway. Mayor Buckway went on to say that "energy sustainability was one of the priority areas the public attending the October Sustainability Charrette identified. "With that in mind," she said, "and knowing that a sustainable community needs to focus on energy efficiency, the City is moving forward to address our energy needs and sustainability."

The City of Whitehorse has been using the EBA/City Geoexchange mapping to move to a more sustainable energy future. Currently the City of Whitehorse is using the mapping in the Lower Bench District Heating Feasibility Study, assessing the possibility of heating the new fire hall/public safety building with geothermal heat, and further testing of water wells within the city for heating potential. The City of Whitehorse is also developing partnerships with the Yukon Government and the Yukon Energy Corporation focused on more sustainable and renewable energy.

The City of Whitehorse is also working with the construction industry, the Yukon Home Builders, designers and Yukon Government to develop new energy efficient building regulations.

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